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## Zack Chambers dies in swimming accident in Mexico

UPDATED May 23, 2010: Port Townsend resident Zack Chambers, 40, died May 18 after a diving/swimming accident while on a family vacation in Mexico with his wife and two young sons.

According to a witness at the beach north of Puerto Vallarta, Chambers was on the beach and dove into a wave. But the beach slopes and then rises again, and he apparently struck his head and perhaps jammed his neck. He was seen floating face down, and other swimmers/beachgoers rushed to pull him from the water, and responded with CPR and emergency aid.

Chambers was unconscious when an ambulance arrived after about 45 minutes, according to the witness. People assisted the Chambers family in getting to and from their hotel and to the hospital. The word got around the beach the next day that Chambers had died, and a small memorial of flowers was created.

Chambers was a graphic artist and T-shirt producer with a shop, H2O Graphics, in Port Townsend. Previously, he worked many years for Weinstein's Custom Screenprinting in Port Hadlock.

An account has been established at Quimper Community Credit Union under the name of his wife, Nya Autumn Chambers. Call in a donation to 385-3663.



This is a makeshift memorial to Zack Chambers that appeared May 19 on the beach north of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where the Port Townsend man died May 18 while diving into the water.

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How heartbreaking to read about this incident. How tragic that it took 45 minutes for an ambulance to arrive! If there is anything we can do to help, please contact us. We are a non-profit organization formed to help create awareness about the many unknown dangers of traveling to Mexico.  
<http://www.mexicovacationawareness.com>  
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Posted: Monday, May 24, 2010

Article comment by: **Kelly Pleas**

Our family's prayers are with the Chambers family in their time of grief. Zach was a kind, sweet soul and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Posted: Monday, May 24, 2010

Article comment by: **Lorena McGovern**

My heart aches for Nya and the boys. They were such an adorable, loving, and happy family. Zach was a real sweetie and a very committed family man.

Posted: Saturday, May 22, 2010

Article comment by: **Lisa van Dam**

We were there on the beach in Sayulita our hearts break for the Chambers family. We wish we could have done more to help.

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